THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The propsoal is at initial stage and details are being formulated.

Adoption of Haryana Highway Patrol as a Model

2043. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt the Haryana Highway Patrol as a model for controlling road accidents through out the country and all the State Governments have been directed to implement similar schemes;

(b) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Haryana Highways Patrol arrangement is still in an experimental stage. If found successful, over a period of time it will be recommended to the other State Governments.

National Highways along Gujarat coastline

2044. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat has the longest coastline in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that coastline in Gujarat is not adequately covered by National Highways; and

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal to provide National Highways along Gujarat coastline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some portions of road along the coastline in the State of Gujarat have not been covered by National Highways.

(c) At present there is no such proposal.

Increase in road accidents

2045. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been steady increase in the number of road accidents in the country;

(b) the number of such accidents taken place during the year 2001;

(c) what action is being taken to contain such accidents; and

(d) whether any compensation has been given to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) As per information available the number of road accidents during last three years are as under:

Year	Road Accidents
1998	385018
1999	381911 (P)
2000	382897 (P)

(P = Provisional)

(b) The accident data for the year 2001 is not available.

(c) Steps taken to contain accidents are as under:

(i) Widening of single lane to 2-lanes

(ii) Widening of selected 2-lane sections to 4/6-lane

(iii) Improvement of road geometrics

(iv) Construction of bypasses